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MEET THE BOARD -

Courtney Newman Spear, M.A

Courtney N. Spear, M.A. of Vanceburg, KY serves as one of the certified persons on the Board just completing a two-year term and now recently receiving word from the Governor's Office of her reappointment to a four-year term. Ms. Spear holds a master's degree in psychology from Western Kentucky University which she obtained in 1975. Her undergraduate work was done at Centre College where she completed a degree in psychology and psychobiology. As a Certified Psychologist with Autonomous Functioning, Ms. Spear's professional career has included teaching at the community college level (Ashland and Maysville), consulting and working as a staff psychologist in community mental health (Pathways and Comprehend). Currently, her private practice, Valley Hope Centre in Lewis County, allows her to blend therapy, teaching, consulting and advocacy. Courtney and her husband, Lloyd, an attorney and recent Commonwealth's Attorney, have two sons, Jay and Chad. Both sons have excelled in their studies at the University of Houston and Capital University, respectively. Ms. Spear's current responsibilities on the Board include serving on Complaints Screening Team E, chair of the Supervision Committee as well as being one of the Board's representatives to the KPA Task Force on Master's Issues. She is also writing the Board update article which is published in the KPA newsletter. Ms. Spear brings a strong ethical and legal sense to the Board which allows her to understand issues of impact on the consumer and the professional community. ✍

NOTICE

The Board is interested in visiting training programs at local universities to discuss the current law and regulations. If interested please contact the Board office in writing to schedule a visit.

GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES BOARD APPOINTMENTS

On October 24, 2000, Governor Patton made the following appointments to the Kentucky State Board of Psychology:

Tracy Dwight Eells, Ph.D, licensed psychologist, from Crestwood, Kentucky. Dr. Eells replaces Donald E. Ralph, Ph.D. whose term expired July, 2000. Dr. Eells will serve on the Board until July, 2004.

Lea Jean Perritt, Ph.D., licensed psychologist, from Lexington, Kentucky. Dr. Perritt replaces Anne M. Shurling, Ph.D. whose term expired December, 1999. Dr. Perritt will serve on the Board until December, 2003.

Courtney N. Spear, M.A., Certified Psychologist with Autonomous Functioning, from Vanceburg, KY. Ms. Spear, who just completed a two-year term was reappointed and will serve on the Board until July, 2004.

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Board Disciplinary Actions

The following is a summary of disciplinary actions taken against credential holders by the Board since the last Newsletter. This summary is intended for informational purposes only. All information is believed to be accurate; however, complete terms of each disciplinary action are contained in the Board's written records.

Robert W. Genthner, Ph.D. June 12, 2000 Settlement Agreement

The Board alleged that Dr. Genthner, a Kentucky licensed psychologist, exploited two of his clients by sexual touching, had sexual contact with these two clients, failed to create and maintain written psychological records of the therapy of the two clients, and divulged confidential information about one of his patients. Dr. Genthner denied these charges. The Board and Dr. Genthner agreed: 1) to a one year active suspension of his license to practice psychology as of June 12, 2000; 2) to have his license placed on probation with weekly supervision of his entire practice of psychology for a period of two (2) years after the one (1) year active suspension; and 3) to pay the amount of \$2,742.50 for investigative costs to the Board.

Jeremie Lynn Jackson September 11, 2000 Settlement Agreement

The Board alleged that Jeremie Lynn Jackson, non-credentialed by this Board, may have practiced psychology without a credential from the Board and in fact held herself out to public as a psychologist when in fact Ms. Jackson performs individual, lay, spiritual counseling. The Board and Ms. Jackson agreed: 1) to not to administer, score, and interpret psychological tests; 2) to not make any representation to the public regarding her provision of psychological services unless licensed or certified by the Board; 3) must properly inform her clients in writing that she is not a psychologist; 4) not perform psychotherapy as defined by KRS 319.010(4) and; 5) not practice psychology as defined by KRS 319.010(3).

Paul F. Schmidt, Ph.D. May 8, 2000 Settlement Agreement

The Board alleged that Dr. Schmidt, a Kentucky licensed psychologist, rendered a formal professional opinion about a person without direct and substantial contact with or formal assessment of that person. The Board and Dr. Schmidt agreed: 1) to have his license to practice psychology suspended for one year as of May 8, 2000, but with the suspension to be probated; 2) to dismiss Agency Action No. 99-03-01-C and Agency Action No. 99-20-C; 3) to agree to resolve issues that arose out of the employment and supervision of a psychological associate; 4) to pay the amount of \$270.00 for investigative costs to the Board; and 5) to undergo weekly supervision of his entire practice of psychology for a period of one year.

Dan K. Vandivier, Ph.D. September 11, 2000 Settlement Agreement

The Board alleged that Dr. Vandivier, a Kentucky licensed psychologist, was incompetent and negligent in the practice of psychology in the formulation and conduct of treatment of a patient with complex treatment needs and by failing to retain a written clinical note of each therapy session between 1994 and 1998. Dr. Vandivier denied these charges. The Board and Dr. Vandivier agreed: 1) to have his license to practice psychology suspended for a period of one year, with the suspension stayed and his credential to practice psychology in Kentucky placed on probation for one (1) year from the date of entry of an Order of the Board adopting this Settlement Agreement; 2) to pay the amount of \$1000.00 for administrative costs to the board; 3) to undergo weekly supervision of his entire practice of psychology for a period of one year with conditions.

Charles W. Tackett, Ph.D. October 9, 2000 Settlement Agreement

The Board alleged that Dr. Tackett, a Kentucky licensed psychologist, was incompetent and negligent in the practice of psychology in the formulation and conduct of treatment of a patient with complex treatment needs and by not properly responding to a subpoena issued by the Board by not timely responding to the subpoena and not providing financial records subpoenaed by the Board. Dr. Tackett denied these charges. The Board also alleged and Dr. Tackett admitted violating a regulation of the Board by making confusing, incomplete, and inadequate patient psychological records of a patient that did not always include sufficient psychological information necessary to be recorded in the psychological records of the patients. The Board and Dr. Tackett agreed: 1) to have Dr. Tackett's license to practice psychology probated for two (2) years as of October 9, 2000; 2) to pay to the Board the amount of \$1,800.00 for administrative costs to the Board; and 3) to undergo supervision every other week for his entire practice of psychology for a period of two (2) years.

Kathleen Saylor, Ed.D. November 2, 2000 Settlement Agreement

The Board alleged that Dr. Saylor, a Kentucky licensed psychologist, admitted one charge of rendering a formal professional opinion about a person without direct and substantial contact with or a formal assessment of that person. Dr. Saylor denied all other charges alleged by the Board which involved other similar charges. The Board and Dr. Saylor agreed: 1) to have Dr. Saylor's license to practice psychology placed on probation for a period of one (1) year beginning November 2, 2000; 2) to pay to the Board the amount of \$1,767.00 for administrative costs to the Board; and 3) to undergo weekly supervision for her entire practice of psychology for a period of one (1) year.

BOARD NEWS

Jane F. Brake, Ph.D.
Chair, State Board of Psychology

On-line verification of credentials By accessing the board's web page (see address on newsletter banner), you can now enter the last name of the registrant and check the person's credential type, number, issue date, expiration date, disciplinary action and current status. This is an excellent way for you to track your expiration date. You may also want to verify that your record shows no disciplinary action, if that is the case. In addition to the Psychology Board, the verification page also shows other boards which are under the purview of the Division of Occupations and Professions which includes, among others, Social Work, Professional Counselors and Alcohol/Drug Counselors. ✍

PRACTICE ALERTS

Robert J. Illback, Psy.D.

Chair, Credentials Review Committee

After completing a graduate program in psychology, the process of obtaining the proper credential to begin practice can seem anti-climatic and "bureaucratic". But the consequences of not negotiating this process effectively can be even more problematic for the beginning psychological practitioner. Here is a summary of two recent problem areas, and recommendations for avoiding these difficulties.

Beginning to practice before completing the credentialing process – Beginning practitioners must have acquired a valid credential from this Board prior to beginning practice in psychology, **irrespective of the setting**. Even if you will be working in the setting that served as your last practicum or internship as part of your graduate program, you may not merely continue your work once your status has changed from that of a student to an employee. When you were a student, your university was ultimately responsible for your work, and (hopefully) your status as a student in training was made clear to clients and payors by your setting and site supervisor. However, once you become an employee of that setting, you are practicing psychology, because your employment setting is now responsible for your work. Unless and until you receive notification from this Board that you hold a temporary license, you are not able to deliver any services to the public. It is not acceptable to change your title to something generic (e.g., therapist) pending receipt of your credentials, since your training is as a psychologist and you are delivering psychological services based on that training (unless you hold a credential from another licensing Board in Kentucky that would authorize you to practice under another title). It is also not acceptable for you to send in some or all of your credential material, begin practicing, and wait for the Board of Psychology to reply. **The only point at which you may legally practice is once you have received notification of your temporary certification or license.** This means that, in anticipation of becoming employed, it behooves you to send in your material early so you do not get in a bind. Occasionally, an applicant will request an emergency disposition because they have already begun employment, but cannot deliver direct services until the Board approves them. The Credentials Committee meets at least monthly, and will do everything possible to expedite applications, but "lack of planning on your part does not necessarily constitute a crisis on our part".

Confusion regarding the requirements for a supervised post-doctoral year – Before you can obtain a license to practice at the independent (doctoral) level in Kentucky, you must complete a year of post-doctoral supervised experience if you matriculated in your doctoral program after July, 1992. Importantly, your post-doctoral experience must be pre-approved by this Board if you intend to serve this experience within Kentucky, and you may not begin working toward this goal unless and until your plan for the experience has been approved. The mechanism the board uses to insure that an appropriate experience is obtained is to tie temporary licensure to this approval process. Thus, when you apply for a temporary license, you and your supervisor are required to also submit your plan (201 KAR 26:155 Section 3(5)), which must show that the experience will meet requirements that the experience include elements of direct service provision, case formulation, skill development in supervising others, and discussion of ethical and legal issues. Once this process has been successfully completed, you will be authorized to take the EPPP (at the next offering). During your post-doctoral year, you are practicing under the license of your supervisor, and subject to all the regulatory provisions relevant to temporarily licensed psychologists. Once you complete this calendar year, and your supervisor's reports are accepted by the Board, you will be scheduled to take the oral examination. Upon receiving notification that you passed the oral examination, you may refer to yourself as a licensed psychologist. ✍

EXPIRED LICENSURE/CERTIFICATE REPORT - Listed below are individuals who did not renew their license/certificate and whose grace period has expired. They are no longer authorized to practice psychology in Kentucky.

License Type	License Last	License First	LCity	LState	Expire Dt	Status
CERT	ABELL	BARBARA BECK	NEWBURGH	IN	06/30/2000	Terminated
LICPSY	ABRAMS	KEITH	BIRMINGHAM	AL	01/24/2000	Terminated
LICPSY	BAKER	JANET	LOUISVILLE	KY	07/25/2000	Terminated
LICPSY	BOWARD	SANDRA M.	OWENSBORO	KY	01/24/2000	Terminated
CERT	BRECKENRIDGE	C. WILLIAM	KEARNEY	MO	06/30/2000	Terminated
LICPSY	CHIAPPONE	DAVID I.	CINCINNATI	OH	06/07/2000	Terminated
CERT	CHRISTIAN JR.	GEORGE E.	LOUISVILLE	KY	03/08/2000	Terminated
PA	CRUMBO	GINGER BOURNE	SHELBYVILLE	KY	04/16/2000	Terminated
LICPSY	DEGRAFFENRIED	HELEN	ELIZABETHTOW	KY	06/01/2000	Terminated
PA	DEPACE	NICHOLAS	LOUISVILLE	KY	04/16/2000	Terminated
LICPSY	DICKENSON	WALTER A.	NICHOLASVILLE	KY	06/01/2000	Terminated
LICPSY	FLATHMAN	MARCUS	RICHMOND	KY	07/25/2000	Terminated
PA	FOGGO	NANCY M.	LEXINGTON	KY	05/07/2000	Terminated
LICPSY	FULKS-PRITCHETT	NIKKI J.	TALLAHASSEE	FL	06/07/2000	Terminated
CERTAF	GORMAN	KATHY J.	CLARKSVILLE	TN	06/07/2000	Terminated
PA	JONES	ALLISON	LOUISVILLE	KY	04/16/2000	Terminated
LICPSY	MAYHEW	JONATHAN	CLINTON	MS	07/25/2000	Terminated
CERT	MCKEEL	JAMES	ROME	GA	07/01/2000	Terminated
LICPSY	MILLER	GLENN A.	BLOOMINGTON	IN	06/04/2000	Terminated
CERT	MIXSON	RUTH AUDREY BALL	FRANKFORT	KY	06/30/2000	Terminated
CERT	PARKS	JOHN STEVEN	CHICAGO	IL	01/08/2000	Terminated
CERTAF	PRIDDY	GENE	LOUISVILLE	KY	06/30/2000	Terminated
LICPSY	PURSLEY	CAROL COX	MARIETTA	GA	01/08/2000	Terminated
LICPSY	ROBINSON	WILLIAM BLYTHE	YOUNGSTOWN	OH	07/15/2000	Terminated
LICPSY	ROSENBLUH	EDWARD S.	LOUISVILLE	KY	05/01/2000	Terminated
LICPSY	SARVER	GARY STEPHEN	ATHENS	OH	06/04/2000	Terminated
LICPSY	SCHMIDTGOESSLING	NAN	CINCINNATI	OH	06/07/2000	Terminated
LICPSY	SCHWARTZ	DAVID P.	WEST CHESTER	OH	06/07/2000	Terminated
LICPSY	STOUT	RONNIE G.	GALLATIN	TN	01/15/2000	Terminated
LICPSY	TUCKER	JANET C.	VALENCIA	CA	06/04/2000	Terminated
LICPSY	ZAHM	DAVID N.	GEORGETOWN	IN	07/15/2000	Terminated

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

Regular Board Meeting	01/08/2001	10:00 a.m.	700 Louisville Rd, Frankfort KY
Regular Board Meeting	02/05/2001	10:00 a.m.	700 Louisville Rd, Frankfort KY
Regular Board Meeting	03/05/2001	10:00 a.m.	700 Louisville Rd, Frankfort KY
Regular Board Meeting	04/02/2001	10:00 a.m.	700 Louisville Rd, Frankfort KY
EPPP Written Exams	04/18/2001	8:00 a.m.	
Regular Board Meeting	05/07/2001	10:00 a.m.	700 Louisville Rd, Frankfort KY
Oral Exams	06/01/2001	8:30 a.m.	
Regular Board Meeting	06/11/2001	10:00 a.m.	700 Louisville Rd, Frankfort KY
Annual Board Retreat	07/18/2001 - 07/20/2001	1:00 p.m.	
Regular Board Meeting	08/06/2001	10:00 a.m.	700 Louisville Rd, Frankfort KY
Oral Exams	09/07/2001	8:30 a.m.	
Regular Board Meeting	09/10/2001	10:00 a.m.	700 Louisville Rd, Frankfort KY
Regular Board Meeting	10/08/2001	10:00 a.m.	700 Louisville Rd, Frankfort KY
EPPP Written Exams	10/17/2001	8:00 a.m.	
Regular Board Meeting (KPA Convention)	11/02/2001	TBA	
Regular Board Meeting	12/03/2001	10:00 a.m.	700 Louisville Rd, Frankfort KY
ORAL EXAMS	12/07/2001	8:30 A.M.	

NEWS FROM ASPPB

The board was represented at the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Annual Meeting of Delegates in October by Dr. Jane Brake, Ms. Delores Floyd, M.A. and Ms. Courtney Spear, M.A. Amidst the backdrop of Lake Tahoe, the delegates heard about the impending computerization of the national objective exam (EPPP) which is slated for April, 2001. Mobility issues are always an area of interest as boards seek to facilitate the easy movement of psychologists across jurisdictions. We were reminded that the grandparenting provision for the **CPQ ends 12/31/00**. The association is being flooded with applications as psychologists take advantage of the easiest way to obtain the **CPQ**. Jurisdictions currently accepting the **CPQ** are: **Alberta, CA, D.C., KY, MS, NV, OH, OK, Ontario, PA, VT, and WS**. Others which are preparing to implement the **CPQ** are: **AL, CT, GA, LA, Manitoba, MI, MO, NH, NM, Nova Scotia, RI and WY**.

Kentucky was proud to have one of our own, Dr. Kim Jonason, elected as Member-at-Large to the ASPPB Board of Directors. We continue to be well-represented within the association as Dr. Stephen DeMers of Lexington directs the mobility efforts and Dr. Charles Morgan, Jr. of Morehead is actively involved in the examination process having presented to the international association at Oslo this summer.

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